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HAKOAH HAVE TITLE WITHIN REACH

— By PAUL DEAN —

Ironically enough, the fate of the 1968 championship is in the uncertain, trembling if not arthritic hands of a team that is having its most nightmarish season — the deposed and all but excommunicated Saints.

Although demoralised and shockingly out of form, St. George-Budapest are determined to lift themselves from their ruins for just one grand effort in order to settle a long outstanding debt.

If they could do that, their long-suffering fans might forgive them for the many hours of anguish.

Not to mention, of course, the Pan Hellenic fans who would gladly adopt them as their "second best friends."

In 1965 all they had to do was to win their last round match against a mediocre Hakoah to clinch the title.

However, Hakoah fought well and, pegging back a deficit of two early goals, forced a 2-2 draw — and the Saints finished only second behind South Coast, on goal average.

REVENGE

This time St. George want to repay the favor; but can they?

Pan Hellenic would like to believe so. For that is their only slim hope of capturing the title which, until last Sunday evening, appeared to be well within their reach.

Realistically speaking, Hakoah, even in their shaky form, must be expected to win. If they do, they are the champions no matter what the outcome is of the Melita v. Pan Hellenic match.

Goal averages will assume tremendous importance only if Hakoah somehow drop a point and Pan Hellenic win.

Should the Saints be able to force a 1-1 draw and Pan Hellenic win 1-0, Pan Hellenic would win the title on goal average — 2.31 versus 2.21.

It's almost certain now that APIA and Prague will be the other two semifinalists.

APIA are in no danger at all, even if they lose to Polonia.

For Prague to miss out they would have to lose about 0-2 to Manly and Polonia would have to beat APIA about 3-0; two unlikely propositions.

Croatia's chances for a

semifinal berth are practically nil; they would qualify only if Prague lost 0-2 and they themselves beat Canterbury 11-0 . . .

If the four semifinalists are Hakoah, Pan Hellenic, APIA and Prague, it will be the first time that this quartet will stage the play-off series.

BEST-EVER

For both Hakoah and Pan Hellenic, this is their best season ever.

Hakoah's previous best placing in the championship was a second place, in 1962 and again in 1966.

Now, at their 12th attempt, they look like achieving their old ambition of coming first.

Pan Hellenic's previous best was a fourth place in 1961, 1963 and last year.

For APIA this will be their seventh consecutive appearance in the semifinals but for Prague their first since 1964.

This is the first year since 1963 that St. George-Budapest have missed out on the play-offs — and how . . .

Whether they ultimately finish 10th or 11th is now really immaterial; this will be their worst placing ever in First Division soccer.

In their first year, 1959, they came 11th in a field of 14 — and since then they have not been further down than seventh. Until now, that is.



Joe Alagich took no chances in this action shot from last Saturday's Hakoah v. Yugal match. Marnoch is unceremoniously grabbed by the wrist as the Yugal speedster steadies himself to chest the ball.

McAndrew prepares time-bomb for FIFA

The tug-of-war between Australia and FIFA regarding our World Cup elimination round matches has swung our way again.

ASF secretary Ian McAndrew, upset and annoyed over FIFA's recent attitude to the Seoul Agreement, seems to have a watertight case.

(At Seoul earlier this year Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan and Israel agreed to ask FIFA to rezone the seven countries in the Asian-Oceanic groups for the preliminary rounds in order to reduce costs.

The seven nations were the five signatories at Seoul, plus

Rhodesia and North Korea. Later it turned out that FIFA never regarded the Seoul Agreement as official.)

Following the letter from Dr. H. Kaser, FIFA secretary, which we published two weeks ago, Ian McAndrew contacted all seven nations concerned seeking their opinion.

Now McAndrew has the replies: all are in favor of adhering to the Seoul Agreement — except Israel.

Japan, South Korea, New

Zealand and even North Korea cabled McAndrew fully agreeing to the Australian plan advanced at Seoul.

Rhodesia's reply stated that they are happy to go along with the majority.

Israel have not replied to McAndrew's cable.

The fact that six of the seven nations concerned have confirmed their acceptance of the Seoul Agreement is undoubtedly a victory for the ASF.

A special feather in McAndrew's cap is that even North Korea have broken their long silence and cabled their support.

"The next thing to do is to notify FIFA of all this," McAndrew said this week.

"I intend to prepare a firm draft, more or less repeating the Seoul Agreement, and send it to all other six countries and FIFA.

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NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Hakoah	21	13	6	2	41	18	32	10	7	2	1	22	10	16	11	6	4	1	19	8	16	St. George*
Pan Hellenic	21	14	3	4	36	16	31	11	9	1	1	21	8	19	10	5	2	3	15	8	12	Melita Eagles
APIA	21	10	7	4	35	24	27	10	6	3	1	18	8	15	11	4	4	3	17	16	12	Polonia*
Prague	21	11	3	7	36	25	25	10	8	1	1	18	3	17	11	3	2	6	18	22	8	Manly*
Polonia	21	9	5	7	31	25	23	11	4	3	4	14	15	11	10	5	2	3	17	10	12	APIA
Croatia	21	10	3	8	34	33	23	11	6	2	3	19	14	14	10	4	1	5	15	19	9	Canterbury
Yugal	21	8	5	8	28	34	21	11	3	4	4	11	17	10	10	5	1	4	17	17	11	South Coast
South Coast	21	7	5	9	35	29	19	10	6	—	4	28	14	12	11	1	5	5	7	13	7	Yugal*
Canterbury	21	6	5	10	30	49	17	10	3	3	4	11	19	9	11	3	2	6	19	30	8	Croatia*
Melita Eagles	21	4	6	11	19	32	14	10	1	5	4	13	18	7	11	3	1	7	6	14	7	Pan Hellenic*
St. George	21	4	6	11	17	29	14	11	2	4	5	9	17	8	10	2	2	6	8	12	6	Hakoah
Manly	21	1	4	16	20	48	6	11	—	1	10	8	25	1	10	1	3	6	12	23	5	Prague

READERS' LETTERS

Government is wasting asset

One often wonders if our Governments, Federal and State, ever realise what an asset is being wasted by its disregard of soccer.

There are two fields in which it could be used to great advantage: (1) In making closer contact with the Asian nations with whom we so urgently desire friendship. (2) In giving migrants a feeling of homeliness in what was, before they came here, a prominent part of their lives.

As regards (1), it must be apparent that while there are few fields in which we can meet our Asian friends on common ground, there is one, soccer.

All Asians play soccer and would welcome closer and mutually understandable association with contests both in their own country and ours.

An Australian team recently played in Vietnam, Cambodia and Malaysia/Singapore — and years ago we had Chinese teams visiting here that drew up to and over 40,000 spectators, and these teams undoubtedly carried away favorable impressions of their welcome here.

It would be an excellent means of friendly contact to have an Australian team contesting the Asian Championship, and to have visits from their national teams.

As regards (2), the huge number of migrants who return each year to their homeland after two or three years in Australia surely must give cause for deep thought as to the reasons and some amelioration of same.

Mostly it has caused us a large expenditure to get

these migrants here, and they would not willingly leave.

There are, of course, many reasons, but the more these people can be made to feel at home and on equal terms with Australians, the less will leave.

It must be realised that when people land in a strange country, anything that helps to make them feel welcome and at home reduces homesickness.

Our migrants find, however, that apart from language, housing and economic difficulties, even their lifetime sport is frowned upon and must be played under inferior conditions with little or even adverse publicity in newspapers, radio and TV.

In other words, they are made to feel inferior citizens.

Those with any spirit at all resent our attitude, and many that can, promptly sail away, and often they are the best and most independent types.

The code should be fostered in our colleges and universities, and officially approved in all of the three Services, so that they could, with credit, carry some personal knowledge and appreciation of us in any country where they may be.

At present, for the most part they play amongst themselves codes that only make the local inhabitants consider we are a race more apart from them than we actually are.

Australia badly needs a personal contact with the common people of other nations, and this is what soccer as a sport can best give.

R. S. Child,
Wahroonga.

NSW, SOUTH AUSTRALIA LIKELY JUNIOR WINNERS

The Australian Junior Championship (under-16s) starts in Melbourne next Monday with eight State teams, including Newcastle and the ACT competing.

The teams have been split into two groups.

Group A includes NSW, the holders of the national junior title, Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, and Group B, South Australia, the 1967 finalists, the ACT, Newcastle and Tasmania.

Round-robin matches will be played next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the first two in each group contesting the semifinals next Friday.

The final will be held on Sunday week and the play-offs for minor placings on Saturday.

Some of the competing squads are:

NSW

Thompson, Salerno, Tinnock, Thomson, Slater, Costello, Black, McDougall, Melish, Chodkiewicz, McKenzie, Harris, Klein, Burns, Spinks, Lambert.

Bill Stoovelaar will coach the team. The manager is Croatia secretary Lionel Brown, and Manly's Brian Emery is the assistant-secretary.

SA

M. Dunn, C. Rees, J. Robinson, M. Weeks, S. Oberauer, S. Metanowski, P. Boccassin, N. McGachy, M. Juhrmann, S. Slater, J. Mielnik, R. Smith, D. Duncan, P. Kaye, J. Laurecki, S. Marciniak, A. Harrison.

Team manager is Peter Nikolich, coach Cliff Votier and trainer, John Middleton.

WA

Saverio Madaschi, Johannes van Zijl, Rodney Beale, John Dornan, Peter Grygorowicz, Anthony Manzi, Rinaldo Rucci, Con Economo, Ken MacKenzie, Eric Marrochi, Peter Raybould, Terry Barter, Domenic Chiappini, Alex Genovese, George Holzman, Paul Petric.

Coach: John Birighitti, Manager: Wally Frey.

ACT

Barac, Di Angelis, Dunstar, Oakley, Magro, Miguel, Jurkiewicz, Bayin (captain), Munoz, Caruana, Antonoli, Campbell, Exposito, Nirta, Rizzo, Haraszti.

John Holland and H. Eggleton will manage the squad.

NSW and South Australia are tipped as the likely winners.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

With only one championship round remaining, four players are tied in equal first place on the First Division goalscoring list: South Coast's Alston and McGarry, Baartz of Hakoah and Brian Smith of Pan Hellenic. This quartet has only scored 11 goals and is being closely pressed by Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) and Edwards (Yugal) with 10 goals. With Baartz sidelined through injury, three will fight it out for the symbolical crown on Sunday. Odds are that it will be "won" by Alston or McGarry, whose task against the unpredictable Yugal appears easier than that of Pan Hellenic against the tight Melita Eagles defence. Whoever finishes on top, however, will be the lowest scoring-ever top marksman in Federation history.

The Northern Branch of the NSW Amateur SFA is up in arms against certain High Schools putting difficulties in the way of their pupils who wish to play soccer. Armadale president, HOWARD WHEATON, said in Sydney this week that Armadale and its immediately surrounding areas, have 800 boys playing soccer, and this will increase to 1000 next year. Wheaton forecast that if no immediate improvement took place, a deputation would call on the Minister for Education, Mr. C.B. Cutler, to put changes in train to correct the position.

JIM KELLY won't be coming back. The South Coast coach flew home to England last Thursday to be near his wife, Diana, who is having an operation. Kelly is almost certain to join the wealthy American club of Boston at a yearly salary of \$30,000 as player-coach.

According to RON CASEY, who last week joined the band-wagon of so-called "columnists", Western Australia beat the Japanese team which tied the three-match series against Australia earlier this year, 1-0 at the Merdeka Tournament. Casey chose this to drive home the point in the "Sunday Telegraph" that Australia's successes on the 1967 Asian tour were meaningless. A typical example of gross distortion if ever we saw one since Japan beat WA 1-0 at the Merdeka, and it wasn't the same Japanese team we saw in Australia, but a second string XI. So much for Ron Casey's "factual" reports!

The talented LINDFIELD under-11 team only lost one match this season, scoring 81 goals and conceding eight. The lads have shown remarkable improvement in the past couple of years and have developed into a well balanced team instead of a ragged collection of kickers.

Foot-tennis

Winners of last Monday's foot-tennis matches at the St. George-Budapest Soccer Club were: Johnston-Blitz, Hendry-Jagger, Smith-Apostilidis, Cliss-Hillary and Zuckerman-Schauman.

The draw for next Monday, starting at 7.30 p.m.: Rootsey-Jane v. Ackerley-Taylor; Bird-Harris v. Clarke-Hardy; Okon-Marchetto v. Page-Groll; Van Blerk-Hughes v. Ninaus-Kauz; Western Suburbs team v. Williamson-Clarke.

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Prague have been double-crossed by their former Czechoslovakian international, PAVEL MOLNAR, whose fare home they paid in part, ostensibly because he was homesick. Now it turns up that Molnar has joined an Austrian club and never had any intention of returning to Bratislava.

St. George-Budapest officials deny the HUMOROUS rumor that, encouraged by the life-saving act Cliss and Fernandez have performed for Melbourne HSC, the Saints next year intend to play in the Victorian State League instead of in Sydney...

Fourth Division Inter-suburban CHELSEA defeated Bathurst City 5-1 in the second round of the Amateur Cup in Bathurst last weekend. Chelsea, who beat Kissington Point 9-0 in the first round, meet the very strong Artamon side in the next round, at Artamon Reserve, on September 8.

BILL HUME, one-time Hakoah and Gladesville star, is still playing football in Wellington, New Zealand, as captain-coach of a first grade side.

The NSW AMATEUR under-16 side, now on tour in New Zealand, was farewelled at Parliament House by Mr. Davis Hughes MLA, who represented the Premier, Mr. R.W. Askin. The team's first win against Canterbury Province at Christchurch last Saturday is significant, as Canterbury is one of the strongest junior districts in the Dominion. NSW won their second match 1-0 last Monday.

Some 250 referees were at the lecture at the NSW Basketball Stadium, Alexandria, last Saturday evening to hear the talk by FIFA referee KEN ASTON, whose forthright attitude, approach, and message were found of great value wherever he appeared.

FRANK NADJ, Lane Cove United's utility player (ex-Croatia) will be leaving this week for Canada as a migrant.

Melita Eagles, who played all their home matches for the past two seasons at MONA PARK, are expected to use the same ground next season. However, the Eagles hope to negotiate with Auburn to also use training facilities at the ground.

At a training session last week all MANLY players promised to stay with the club, but despite the assurances there's a feeling that some may transfer elsewhere next season.

VERNON WENTZEL expressed disappointment at the standard of the Prague v. Pan Hellenic match last Sunday. APIA's "prodigal son" thinks that the standard was higher before he returned to South Africa five years ago.

Wentzel, incidentally, is planning to remain with APIA until at least the end of next season, possibly even 1970.

WESTERN SUBURBS Soccer Club last week sponsored the 14 years age group in the CHS inter-zone championships played at Nield Park, Five Dock. Thirty teams took part throughout the day.

The annual symposium of the Australian COACHES' Federation will be held in Brisbane on October 11. At a meeting in Sydney this week the ACF decided to introduce uniform coaching courses throughout Australia in 1969 and also to introduce the grading of their members.

There is every likelihood of GEORGE KISS, the former South-Sydney Croatia coach, returning to Sydney next year. Kiss has coached Croatia-Melbourne to its first-ever Victorian State League title since leaving Sydney earlier his year. He won't be rejoining his old club, however.

Melita Eagles officials are



hoping that coach JOE VLASITS will change his mind and stay for another year. This, however, is unlikely.

FRANK HAFEEY, the St. George goalkeeper, will leave for a holiday in Scotland next week. Haffey will be back in Sydney early next year.

Teach what you preach department. The "Sun-Herald" sporting editor pointed out in his column last Sunday that soccer in Sydney was drawing three times more spectators than Rugby Union. We agree. These are the facts. How come, then, that in his own paper, the "Herald", Rugby Union this year is consistently getting more space and prominence than soccer?

Mr. Apostolos Vassalios, father of Canterbury's secretary, ANDREW VASS, passed away last Monday week. Our sincere condolences.



DENNIS ALSTON of South Coast deferred his honeymoon until after the match against Polonia last Sunday. Alston, who was married last week, has been made coach of the club's second and third grade sides until the end of the current season.

South Coast Directorate with a maximum 12 points won this year's State Primary SCHOOL SOCCER championship held over three days at Memorial Park, Corrimal, in mid-August. Newcastle, last year's champions, won all their matches until they met South Coast in the final game. South Coast ran out convincing winners by 4 goals to nil. Also taking part in the championships were the two Sydney Metropolitan "Gold and Red" teams, the Metropolitan West Directorate, North Western NSW and Western NSW. In the City v. Country representative game, the City team combined cleverly to win 7-1.

McAndrew's time bomb

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"This time there can't be any slip-ups because of formalities."

Decision in the matter will be made at the World Cup Organising Committee meeting at Guadalajara, Mexico, in October.

A few bugs have yet to be ironed out for the whole plan to jell properly.

The first is to talk — or force — Israel out of their isolated stance and convince them that holding the first rounds of the World Cup elimination matches in pairs instead of large groups is infinitely more economical.

(Australia's partner is New Zealand.)

However, if the six other countries stick together, FIFA will have no choice but to "relieve" Israel of their voluntary obligation to organise the rounds in the form of a tournament.

The second difficulty is Rhodesia's presence in the group.

All countries have objected to this either on geographical or political grounds.

Rhodesia's "partner" in the first round would be Israel, according to the Seoul Agreement; Japan would meet South Korea and North Korea would get a bye.

Success has created British soccer boom

— From GORDON JEFFERY in London —

English football seems set for another bumper season. The attendances at Football League matches increased during the season 1966-67 — but so they had in the seasons 1958-59 and 1962-63.

There is a definite link between those three seasons — each immediately followed World Cup final stage tournaments held during the English summer close-season.

These tournaments — in Sweden in 1958 and in Chile in 1962 — were widely televised in Britain and I had little doubt but that it was watching these matches on television that persuaded many one-time regular football match spectators "to go up to the match again" and, to a smaller extent, persuaded others who had previously watched football "live" to go and see for themselves Football League clubs in action.

INSULAR RACE

Possibly some liked what they saw; most apparently were disappointed and in the succeeding seasons of 1959-60 and 1963-64, the attendances resumed the gradual decline that had been the general pattern once the exceptional post-war boom in attendance had reached its height.

It was different last season when the increase in

attendances of the 1966-67 season was repeated.

But, of course, the 1966 World Cup was different from those of 1958 and 1962.

To begin with, it was staged in England so that even though millions still had to be content with watching the matches on television, they could still feel more closely associated with the happenings than when they had been, in 1958 and 1962, watching something happening miles away in some foreign land.

Despite the big increase in the number of Britishers holidaying abroad in recent years, we are still, on the whole, an insular-minded race!

As a charming young Swedish girl reminded me recently, when we, in England and Scotland, talk about Europe we mean the continental land mass on the "other side" of the English Channel, and, despite a strong feeling for closer economic and trade association with other European countries, the average Britisher still thinks in terms of Great Britain and Europe, as if we were not a part of Europe!

In the world of football, it is automatic to refer to British clubs in the various European club competitions as "going into Europe"!

And, most, I suspect, still have the feeling that the rest of Europe ally themselves to resist the invaders from the sea-encircled United Kingdom!

In some ways there is justification for the feeling.

The really important difference between the 1966 World Cup and earlier ones was the simple one that England came out on top!

For England — English clubs and English football fans — this was, I think, more than the winning of the most important of football titles; it was the turning point after the sick depression that had begun with England's first defeat on English soil at the hands (or the feet!) of a non-British side — the great Hungarians of the early fifties.

"FAILURES"

The sickness continued with English failures in the 1954, 1958 and 1962 World Cups — "failures" meaning that they did not win!

Scotland, alas, often failed to even qualify for the final stages.

And in the European club competitions from 1955 onwards there was the same story of gallant endeavour but final failure save for Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United winning the "minor" competition — the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Fortunately a few people before the 1953 win of the Hungarians at Wembley had been preaching against British complacency.

After the defeat, and then increasingly over the years, the "few" grew in number and influence — plugging a basic truth about football that Britain had forgotten: football is a changing game.

The rules are simple, the variations of tactics, the improvisation of patterns of play on the pitch, are both infinite.

Football standards decline when, from complacency or ignorance, thought stagnates.

England's World Cup victory finally silenced all but a small die-hard core of those who had scoffed about blackboard football, coaching or tactics.

And the discussion that took place about the World Cup matches and the tactics used by various national sides sent spectators to the following, and successive, season's Football League matches eager to look more critically, but more appreciatively, at the play.

When Celtic, the one club in Scotland who had shown much awareness of the changed nature of the game, won the European Champions' Cup in 1967; when Manchester United kept the trophy in Britain in 1968; the British revival was complete.

All the world now want to topple England from their World Championship; all Europe want to wrest the European club title from Britain!

No wonder then that there is a soccer boom — a boom that shows beyond the attendances at matches, exceptionally high as these are.

ADULATION

It shows in a sudden increase in the number of magazines — regular and occasional — devoted to football; it shows in the elevation of young football stars like George Best to the adulation status previously reserved for film stars and pop-figures.

It says much for the hard work and self-discipline necessary for success in professional football in England today that these youngsters are not spoiled by this adulation.

All this should have those who love "fitba" in Britain walking on air — but there are dark clouds on the horizon.

It is exciting to see a crowd of over 70,000 at a pre-season friendly between Celtic and Leeds; it is disturbing to see that at a neighboring friendly match between Glasgow Rangers and Arsenal, bottles were thrown in battles on the terraces.

If this happens in pre-season friendlies, what might happen when the heat is on!

This is the biggest problem facing the game in Britain.

NSW COLTS IN NOUMEA

The NSW under-18 team leaves for Noumea today (Friday) for three matches against junior New Caledonian teams.

At press time the tourists still hadn't been informed by their hosts as to their match dates nor who their opponents will be, though it is believed that two of the matches will be against the New Caledonian national under-18 team.

Fourteen players will make the trip, all from First and Second Division Federation clubs.

NSW Federation vice-president, Frank Parsons, will manage the NSW squad which will be coached by Harry Hill.

The youthful tourists are: A. Piggott, J. McCue (St. George-Budapest); J. Du Pont, G. Shepherd, J. Williams (Granville); S. Kovacic, R. Gardiner (Hakoah); J. Yaager (Croatia); S. Loveday (Prague); E. Howard (Pan Hellenic); G. Tuckerman (South Coast); W. Hutchinson (Manly), P. Gee (Manly) and T. Edwards (Melita Eagles).

NSW's task in Noumea won't be an easy one.

The New Caledonian juniors created a very favorable impression against the touring French national under-20 team recently when they beat the visitors, who reached the final of this year's European Junior Championship 2-1 before losing the return match 1-2.

Smalltalk

How casual can you get? The ASF had to nominate its delegates to the FIFA Congress by the end of August. On instructions, secretary Ian McAndrew nominated Ian Brusasco of Brisbane and Vic Tuting of Hobart.

What's the catch? Well, the catch is he wasn't told to nominate himself. In other words, there is an outside chance that, for a variety of reasons, most of them personal, McAndrew may not go to the Guadalajara Congress and the subsequent World Cup subcommittee meeting.

Of all the current ASF officials, paid or unpaid, nobody can even claim to know half as much about Australia's World Cup problems and possibilities as McAndrew. To send two executive members off without him is bordering on lunacy. (And with no disrespect meant to the two gentlemen involved: how do we always manage to select our representatives from the most obscure States? Is it perhaps that Victoria and NSW, in their eternal jealousy, always manage to keep each other out, much to the amusement and benefit of others?)

But there is one more thing to this comedy. Every delegation to a FIFA Congress automatically includes the general secretary.

If the ASF decides to snub McAndrew and leave him behind, he will have every reason to take this as a no-confidence move against him and quit.

Hope they have a top man to replace him.

The wisdom of co-opting busy business people into our top administration purely on their undoubted professional or commercial ability must be questioned once again.

Arthur T. George, member of both the NSW and the ASF Executives, has been away overseas since about April and is not expected back here until October.

It would be fairer for a man to resign if he knew that he'd be absent for the entire season.

Western Australia's damn fine showing at the Merdeka has caused more depression than joy in many circles. Some officials closely connected with our national team were secretly hoping that the Swans would crash and thus make our results against Asian teams last year look even more meritorious.

Others who have been condemning WA for even daring to go to the Merdeka were obviously hoping for their failure in order to come forward with an "I-told-you-so".

It's a pity that so many of our "able leaders" are still much keener to make political capital of somebody else's misfortune than from their own efforts.

Now the Merdeka is over. Congratulations to Western Australia: it was a job well done.

What strikes me as odd, though, is the fact that amidst the numerous comments I could not find one which would have expressed regret over Australia's continued absence from this tourney.

Apparently our ASF bigwheels, mainly in the so-called "major States", still feel that a three-week interruption to their sacrosanct State competitions is not worth the price of entering Australia, as such, in future Merdekas.

And this is what we are asked to regard as far-sighted, intelligent, international policy.

Yet one hears endless theories about the importance of gaining "invaluable experience" against foreign teams. Maybe Australia should challenge Western Australia for a series of matches.

They have now won overseas experience and, in some circles at least, are certainly regarded as foreign. So how about it? Winner takes the ASF.

It seems that brief overseas tours can rather easily be arranged by almost anybody — well, almost anybody. The higher up you go, the more difficult it becomes.

The NSW Amateurs are now in New Zealand with their under-16 team — and jolly good luck to them. The NSW Federation under-18 is off to New Caledonia — and the best of British luck.

Even clubs do manage a trip or two; two years ago APIA and Hakoah, last year St. George hopped across the seas for some friendlies.

But the NSW team hasn't been further than Melbourne for several years — and even that only once.

Small thing (fit for smalltalk) but possibly symptomatic of our football: the last round of matches this weekend should actually have been the first round.

So it was back to front. Well, if this happened in Israel, perhaps...

— MIKE RENWICK

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1 (0)
Paxinos 78 min. (penalty).

Demopoulos 4; Raeburn 4; Hardy (sent off); Stripelis 5; Whitehead 4; Galbraith 3; Hillhouse 3 (Hewitt 3); Romanos 3; Massi 2; Kauz 3; Paxinos 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: H. Ninaus.

St. George

0 (0)

Haffey 4; Nuttall 5; Hillary 4; Morgan 4; Cox 4; Bird 3; Harris 1; Sangiovanni 3; Warren 2 (left field injured 60th min.); McCue 2; Clarke 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: G. Polgar.

A.P.I.A.

3 (0)
Wentzel 47 min., Giacometti 84 min., McKinnon 86 min.

Taylor 4; Van Blerk 3; Bottalico 4; Hughes 3; Sambrook 3; Blue 5; McKinnon 4; Campana 4; Wentzel 4; Campbell 3; Giacometti 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Manly

0 (0)

Tuinman 3; Brown 3; Brooks 4; G. Jones 4; Campbell 4; Stocks 3; Hughes 4; Ripley 2 (Jagger 2); Hendry 2; McGrath 3; Nutt 2.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: D. Adrigan.

Hakoah

2 (1)
Spilarewicz 9 and 52 mins.

Fuzes 3; Stewart 3; Hillsdon 4; Gardiner 3; Marnoch 3; Yaager 3; Edmunds 2 (Keddie 2); Fekete 3; Watkiss 4; Spilarewicz 4; Barnett 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: D. Holden.

Yugal

2 (2)
Banicevic 8 min. (penalty), Edwards 44 min.

Ljubic 2; Stosich 3; Crnich 2 (injured — left field 58th min.); Clancy 3; Banicevic 3; Rafaneli 4; J. Alagich 4; M. Alagich 3; Halpin 3; Edwards 4; Volar 4.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Sth. Coast

3 (1)
McGarry 12 and 54 mins., McGrath 61 min.

Ramage 3; Barnes 3; Cuthbert 5; Anderson 5; Carr 4; Strachan 4; Beattie 3; McGarry 4; Tolson 4; Alston 3; McGrath 4.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: T. Anderson.

Polonia

2 (1)
Swoboda 5 min., Krawiarz 87 min. (penalty).

Fraser 5; Adamson 3; Skiba 3; Calphy 3; Dzialach 5; Komoder 3; Povey 4; Minol 3; Kulak 2; Krawiarz 3; Swoboda 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Horinek.

Prague

1 (1)
G. Manuel 31 min.

King 4; Harcombe 4; Tracey 4; Blacker 3; Zeman 4; Blanco 4; R. Manuel 3 (Armytage 2); G. Manuel 3; Scheinflug 5; Hoggart 4; Gauto 4.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: J. Venglos.

P. Hellenic

0 (0)

Clarke 4; Johnston 4; Hignett 4; McCulloch 4; Cole 4; Westwater 4; Blitz 4; Smith 4; Loukanidis 3; Karyannis 3; Patrinos 3 (Laraman 3).

TOTAL: 41

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Croatia

1 (0)
Woods 51 min.

Corry 4; Lincoln 4; Sloan 4; Page 3; Shepherd 4; Wright 3; Guerrero 3; R. Cush 3; Reynolds 5; Woods 3; Giles 4.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Melita E.

0 (0)

Eaton 4; Hunter 3; Woods 4; De Bruin 4; Edwards 4; Duffy 3; Quesed 4; Cooper 2 (Brennan 3); Thorne 3; Hewlett 2; Goldie 2.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Match rating: * *

It was obvious throughout that both teams were only going through the motions, without the slightest conviction. With nothing at stake, the match resembled a picnic affair in outlook as well as standard. The game was one long yawn, never came to life and produced appalling football. There were only four real scoring chances during the 90 minutes — three for St. George and one for Canterbury — and the 0-0 which seemed inevitable was only avoided when referee Henkelman, whose decisions bewildered the small crowd throughout, awarded the Berries a very generous penalty which Paxinos duly converted. Though Saints had more chances, there was nothing between the teams — both were equally mediocre and disinterested as though they couldn't wait for the off-season.

Crowd: 800.

Referee: J. Henkelman.
— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Battling against a strong breeze in the first half, Manly succeeded in holding off a determined APIA attack by playing an eight-man defensive system. APIA, completely discarding their double centre-half system of recent weeks, were more dangerous and their attack had more bite. Only inaccurate shooting robbed them from winning by a much bigger margin. Led by centre-half Campbell, Manly struggled courageously, but whittled under pressure late in the game when the APIA forwards were increasingly finding their mark. It may well be that APIA have found the "missing link" in Vernon Wentzel who, after a quiet first half, combined brilliantly in fast and precise interchanges which on many occasions left the Manly defence flat-footed.

Crowd: 2,560.

Referee: P. Rampley.
— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * *

Playing for most of the second half one man short, Yugal were unlucky not to snatch both points from the most disjointed Hakoah team ever to take the field this year. Yugal opened the scoring from a harsh penalty, but Hakoah equalised almost straight from the kick-off. It was justice, however, that Yugal led 2-1 at the interval though Edwards' goal was the result of a huge blunder by Stewart. Hakoah's Spilarewicz levelled the scores early in the second half, but after Crnich left the field injured it was the depleted Yugal who still slightly held the upper hand. Despite the efforts of Watkiss — the best forward on the field — Hakoah were unable to make the least impression on the hard-working Yugal defenders who played like men inspired.

Crowd: 2,630.

Referee: N. Jones.
— EDDIE EVANS

Match rating: * * * * *

One of the best matches played at Woonona for some time. Both teams cast aside their characteristic defensive roles to turn in fast, entertaining open football. Polonia looked very dangerous in front of goal early and took the lead after five minutes. Changing over at half-time, Anderson, as player-coach, inspired South Coast to play their best attacking soccer of the season. Only great goalkeeping by Fraser and a solid display by Dzialach prevented a hatful of goals as McGarry and Co. dominated the play for all the second half. Though Krawiarz brought the scores a little closer from a late penalty, the final score flattered Polonia.

Crowd: 2,038.

Referee: A. Boskovic.
— LEN SIMMONS

Match rating: * * * * *

It was great to see the big crowd bring the big-time atmosphere back to the Marks Field. From the start Prague must have had the ball tied to their boots with string. Apart from some highly dangerous breaks by Pan Hellenic, they maintained a hard fought advantage until well into the game, and during this period Gary Manuel goaled, from a weaving run of which Luis Gauto can forever remain proud. The whole Pan Hellenic side then added dynamic purpose to their attacks, but somehow they failed to add a goal.

Crowd: 10,530.

Referee: H. Parsons.
— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

Croatia battled their way to a narrow win in a hard fought and even match which was mostly played in midfield. The defence trio of Lincoln, Sloan and Shepherd combined well to cut short many Melita attacks, particularly in the late stages of the game when Melita pressed hard for the equaliser. Corry brought off the best save of the match when he dived to stop a hard drive from Quesed late in the second half. Once again the Melita defence held out well when threatened with Edwards, De Bruin and Woods mastering the windy conditions and effectively cutting many scoring moves started by Souths' schemer Reynolds.

Crowd: 1,452.

Referee: A. Faraone.
— LINCOLN WALTERS

Herbert Ninaus: "Though not at full-strength we always held a slight edge, I thought. It wasn't a great game by a long shot, but the two points will give Canterbury a more respectable place on the 1968 ladder."

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Gyula Polgar: "We should have clinched the two points in the first 30 minutes of the second half when St. George were well on top. Warren's injury probably meant the difference between victory and defeat."

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Adauto Iglesias: "We did everything in the first half but score, but I never had any doubt about the end result. Manly put up a brick wall defence but tired in the latter stages. I was well satisfied with Wentzel's reappearance."

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Denes Adrigan: "Our boys had a very good first half even if they played a defensive game. We presented APIA with two gift goals which finished us."

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Doug Holden: "After that ridiculous penalty we gave Yugal too much room. This was Hakoah's worst game. Our players forget how to play football and everything they were taught."

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Ferdo Dunaj: "I was very pleased to take a point from the leaders. The whole team played exceptionally well, though a player short for 35 minutes."

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Tommy Anderson: "The boys were great and played their best attacking football this season. Every player gave a 100 per cent effort. What more can a coach ask for?"

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Joe Horinek: "What can I say? The team fell to pieces after 10 minutes of superb football, just couldn't pull itself together and resorted to kick-and-rush in the second half."

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Joe Venglos: "This was extremely good football, when you consider how difficult the wind was out there on the field. Dennis Hoggart was troubled by a leg injury most of the second half, and if this had not happened we would have gone better still."

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Walter Tamandl: "We were unlucky not to have sneaked a point. Surely we deserved it. But that's how the ball bounced, I suppose."

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Bill Vrolyks: "An evenly contested match. Croatia, however, played the better football, I thought. I was very pleased young Woods went again so well."

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Joe Vlasits: "An interesting game. We played as well as Croatia and had more chances, but our forwards just can't score. A lucky shot beat us."

'68 TITLE DEPENDS ON SAINTS IN TIGHT FINISH

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With only St. George standing between Hakoah and their first-ever championship, Wentworth Park on Sunday will be the focus of all eyes in this last competition round.

Pan Hellenic will keep their fingers crossed for a St. George revival — their only hope for the title which was theirs for the asking only last week — provided they themselves clear the Melita Eagles hurdle at Mona Park.

The other four matches only have the most academic of interests, though the South Coast-Yugal clash at Woonona will determine the seventh place on the ladder.

At Marks Field, Manly will bow out after a brief, but encouraging spell in First Division.

Our previews for the weekend:

Canterbury v. Croatia

Though a third victory in a row wouldn't lift them above the ninth place, Canterbury have struck such a purple patch that Croatia cannot feel too confident about the outcome at Arlington Oval in the round's only Saturday match.

Croatia have had a good run ever since coach Vrolyks took over, and it's a pity they were so disorganised in the earlier stages of the season when they squandered the points which would have proved so valuable now.

Croatia, the more balanced team, should gain the upper hand despite the Berries' good record at home.

The absence of Hood and Ninaus has robbed the Canterbury attack of much

forcefulness and goalscoring potential.

With the exception of the mobile Paxinos, none of the Canterbury forwards seem capable of unduly worrying the robust Croatia defence.

Croatia should have enough in reserve at the finish to secure the two points — and fifth place on the 1968 table.

Prague v. Manly

This match will mark Manly's farewell to First Division and though the game seersiders would dearly love a victory as a going away present, this seems beyond them.

There is such a wide gap in every department between the woodenspooners and the Grand Final-seeking Prague that the best Manly can hope for is a gallant stand which will allow them to quit First Division with their heads held high.

Prague last weekend produced some of the football which makes them the most attractive team in Sydney when the mood strikes them.

Now that the tension is off — as they have a 99 per cent chance of qualifying for the final play-offs — their players need not feel so nervous.

Consequently, they should wind up the championship with another of the eye-catching displays they alone can serve up so well.

Manly, despite all their courage and good intentions, will be hard pressed to make a fight of it.

South Coast v. Yugal

South Coast seem to have found a second wind towards the end of the championship and are now playing much better than at any stage since the slump which hit them when the McGarry bust-up threatened.

Though it's a clear case of too little too late, South Coast should confirm their excellent recent outings at home against Yugal with a display which could perhaps send their fans home happy until next year.

Anderson, who has replaced Jim Kelly as United's coach, won many friends against Polonia when he switched to bright, attacking football.

With nothing at stake this weekend, Woonona fans will be hoping for a repeat performance, and if Yugal play in the same spirit there should be plenty of action down the Coast.

The "new look" South Coast, with Alston and McGarry bidding for top spot on the goalscoring list, should win.

APIA v. Polonia

What promised to be a cliff-hanger with tremendous bearing on the fourth place only a week ago, has become almost a formality.

The match, nevertheless, should be well worth watching, if only to see Vernon Wentzel once again leading the APIA attack.

Wentzel showed in his first match last weekend that he had lost none of his mobility, opportunism and dash, and he will be a welcome addition to APIA in the play-offs.

APIA mightn't win by a big margin — Polonia's hard-working Dzialach and Co. will see to that — but the two points should be theirs at 4.40 p.m. Sunday.

Hakoah v. St. George

Saints would love nothing better than to end their nine-match drought with a win over the champions-elect.

They still haven't forgotten how Hakoah deprived them of the title in 1965 with a last round 2-2 draw which enabled South Coast to take out the championship on goal-average.

Whether history can repeat itself, in reverse, this time with Pan Hellenic, should they beat Melita, benefiting from Hakoah's slip-up, depends largely on Hakoah themselves.

The imperial Hakoah of four months ago would have disposed of such mediocre opposition without raising a sweat.

On Sunday, however, the pressure on Hakoah will be such that a surprise is possible, though not likely.

ROUND 1*

* deferred from March 30-31

CANTERBURY

DEMPOULOS
RAEBURN
WHITEHEAD
STRIPELIS
TAYLOR
GALBRAITH
HILLHOUSE
ROMANOS
MASSI
KAUZ
PAXINOS

CROATIA

CORRY
LINCOLN
SLOAN
PAGE
SHEPHERD
WRIGHT
GUERRERO
R. CUSH
REYNOLDS
WOODS
GILES

PRAGUE

KING
HARCOMBE
TRACEY
BLACKER
ZEMAN
BLANCO
R. MANUEL
G. MANUEL
SCHEINFLUG
HOGGART
ARMYTAG

MANLY

TUINMAN
McGRATH
BROOKS
JONES
CAMPBELL
STOCKS
HUGHES
RIPLEY
HENDRY
NUTT
WALLER

MELITA EAGLES

EATON
HUNTER
WOODS
DE BRUIN
EDWARDS
DUFFY
QUESTED
BRENNAN
THORNE
HEWLETT
GOLDIE

PAN HELLENIC

CLARKE
JOHNSTON
HIGNETT
McCULLOCH
COLE
WESTWATER
BLITZ
LOUKANIDIS
KARYANNIS
PATRINOS

APIA

TAYLOR
VAN BLERK
BOTTALICO
HUGHES
SAMBROOK
BLUE
McKINNON
CAMPANA
WENTZEL
CAMPBELL
GIACOMETTI

POLONIA

FRASER
ADAMSON
SKIBA
CALPHY
DZIALACH
KOMODER
POVEY
MINOL
KULAK
KRAWIARZ
SWOBODA

SOUTH COAST

RAMAGE
BARNES
CUTHBERT
DAVIES
CARR
STRACHAN
BEATTIE
ANDERSON
TOLSON
McGARRY
McGRATH

YUGAL

LIJIC
STOSICH
PACANIN
CLANCY
BANICEVIC
RAFANELI
J. ALAGICH
M. ALAGICH
HALPIN
EDWARDS
VOLAR

HAKOAH

FUZES
FEKETE
HILLSDON
WALSH
MARNOC
D. YAAGER
EDMUNDS
SPILAREWICZ
WATKISS
BARNETT
JONES

ST. GEORGE

HAFFEY
NUTTALL
HILLARY
MORGAN
COX
BIRD
PUEBLAS
SANGIOVANNI
McCUE
CLARKE
HARRIS

CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 20,010.

Average per match: 3,334.

Attendance after 21 rounds: 388,266.

Weekly average attendance: 18,488.

REFEREES

Canterbury v. Croatia — L. Rae; Prague v. Manly — J. Henkelman; APIA v. Polonia — K. Lockrey; Hakoah v. St. George — M. Buchanan; SCU v. Yugal — G. Naylor; Melita Eagles v. Pan Hellenic — A.R. Brown.

LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU) 11
Baartz (Hakoah) 11
McGarry (SCU) 11
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic) 10
Edwards (Yugal) 10
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic) 10
Cliss (St. George) 9
R. Cush (Croatia) 9
Krawiarz (Polonia) 9
G. Manuel (Prague) 9
Reynolds (Croatia) 8
Kulak (Polonia) 8

TEAM OF THE WEEK

FRASER (Polonia)		
NUTTALL (St. George)	DZIALACH (Polonia)	CUTHBERT (SCU)
ANDERSON (SCU)		BLUE (APIA)
CAMPANA (APIA)		SPILAREWICZ (Hakoah)
J. ALAGICH (Yugal)	REYNOLDS (Croatia)	GAUTO (Prague)

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	5-1	1-3	2-0	1-0	3-0	
St. George	1-1	●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-1
Croatia	1-1	5-2	●	0-3	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-2	3-1	1-0	1-0	2-0
Pan Hellenic	2-1	1-0	2-1	●	0-0	3-0	1-4	1-0	4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1
Hakoah	1-2		3-0	2-0	●	3-1	4-3	0-0	2-2	2-0	3-1	2-1
Canterbury	1-4	1-0		1-1	1-2	●	1-1	0-5	0-3	2-1	1-1	3-1
Prague	0-1	1-0	3-1	1-0	1-0	6-0	●	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	
Polonia	1-3	0-0	1-0	1-3	0-2	2-1	2-2	●	3-1	1-2	1-1	2-0
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3	0-4	1-1	0-3	1-0	1-1	●	0-1	1-1	3-3
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2		0-0	4-5	2-1	1-3	0-2	●	0-0	3-3
South Coast	3-1	0-1	7-1	1-2	3-5	7-2	1-0	3-2		2-0	●	1-2
Manly	3-3	0-3	0-2	0-1	0-3	1-4	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-1	1-2	●



ROUND THE WORLD

World champions on tour

Racing Buenos Aires, the 1967 world club champions, have embarked on an eight-match European tour. They'll play in Spain, Belgium, Italy and Portugal before taking part in the annual Mohammed V Tournament in Casablanca, Morocco, against St. Etienne (France), FAR (Morocco) and Atletico Madrid.

FIFA's Mexican Congress

FIFA's next Congress will be held at Guadalajara, 350 miles from Mexico City, on October 9 and 10. The Congress will take place at the Hilton Hotel, starting at 9.30 a.m. on October 9. Each country is allowed three delegates, but only one has voting rights.

\$120,000 for US champion

The finals of the North American Professional League will be played from September 11 to September 28. The winners of the four geographical zone championships will take part in home-and-away matches in neutral cities. All matches will be televised live and the winner of the final will be assured of at least \$120,000 in prize-money, donated by various American firms. Atlanta, Kansas City, San Diego and Cleveland are the current group leaders.

Red Star Belgrade tipped

Red Star Belgrade are hot favorites to win the Yugoslav championship which started on August 18. Most Yugoslav clubs have already conceded the title to the team of young coach Ivo Milanic. The second place, however, is regarded as wide open, with Partizan Belgrade, Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb the most fancied.

Morocco out of Olympics?

Morocco will decide this week whether to withdraw from the Olympic Games. The Moroccans are contemplating to drop out following FIFA's refusal to alter the Olympic Groups in Mexico. Morocco have been drawn in the same group as Israel, against whom members of the Arab League have waged a total boycott.



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Varese, the Italian club, made a \$1,000,000 profit by selling players during the off-season. They sold Anastasi to Juventus for \$840,000, Cresci to Bologna for \$400,000 and Vastola to Inter Milan for \$150,000. The three players "only" cost Varese \$400,000 two and a half years ago.

● Gornik Zabrze, the crack Polish team, have had a very successful South and Central American tour during which they won the Bogota (Colombia) Tournament and beat the national teams of Costa Rica and Guatemala.

● Did you know that Jackie Charlton had scored the first goal of the new English season? The momentous event occurred in the 52nd second of the match against Southampton — but, wait for it, it was an own goal!

● Thomas Nordahl has finally signed with Anderlecht, Belgium's premier club. The son of the famous Gunnar Nordahl, is the third foreigner at Anderlecht. The others are French international Herbet and Dutchman Mulder.

● Mario Zatelli, an Argentinian who has been coaching in France for the past 20 years, has been offered the post of team manager of the Congo-Kinshasa national team in Leopoldville.

● Torpedo Moscow will represent the USSR in the European Cup-Winners' Cup as they did last season, when they were beaten by Cardiff City in the quarterfinals.

● Santos have transferred their wingers, Abel and Caneco, to the New York "Generals" for \$12,000 each.

● Hong Kong played two matches in Cambodia at the conclusion of the Merdeka Tournament while South Korea dropped in at Hong Kong for one match en route home to Seoul.

● Masopust's place in Dukla Prague has been filled by the attacking wing-half, Domanek, from Inter Bratislava.

● In Paraguay the title seems certain to escape Guarani for the first time in four years. At the half-way mark of the championship the country's glamor team is a distant sixth, 10 points behind joint-leaders Cerro Porteno and Libertad.

● Because of the clubs' reluctance to release their players, the Yugoslav national team had to curtail its international program. They'll only play Finland, Belgium and Spain in World Cup elimination matches in October.

● Milan AC have insured their team for \$5 million. Since the tragic death of Torino's Meroni, who was run over by a car, clubs are all compelled to insure all their players.

● Luis Carniglia, the former Real Madrid, Milan AC, Roma and Fiorentina coach, returned to his native Argentina to manage Independiente of Buenos Aires, the former South American champions.

● The Mexican FA has suspended its national team coach, Ignacio Trelles, for two matches for provoking a disturbance during the recent Tolaca v. Universidad de Chile match. Trelles is also the coach of First Division Tolaca.

● The Swiss Lausanne Sports have signed Yugoslav, Vinko Cuzzi, Hajduk Split's stopper, for \$20,000 dollars. Cuzzi almost joined JUST of Melbourne this year.

● Napoli's captain, Juliano, still hasn't renewed his contract. He's holding out until the club pays him the \$45,000 re-signing-on fee he demands. Napoli are only prepared to fork out \$30,000.

● Slovan Bratislava recently celebrated their 50th birthday by staging a tournament which included Sparta Prague, Hamburger SV and Ajax Amsterdam. Slovan won the final with a 4-1 win over the Dutch side.

● Naidenov, the former Bulgarian international goalkeeper, is now Spartak Sofia's assistant-coach after an intensive 18-month coaching course in the USSR.

● French champions, St. Etienne, beat the Rumanian national team 3-2 in an exhibition match in Vichy, France, last week.

● The Swedish team which won the soccer gold medal at the 1948 London Olympics was re-formed last week to mark the 20th anniversary of their triumph. Lindberg, Rosen, Nordahl, Gren, Liedholm and Carlsson were among the players who took the field against a Swedish "veterans" XI at Malmo to commemorate their victory.

● Sawitzki, the 36-year-old VfB Stuttgart goalie who toured Australia in 1965, has re-signed for this season, becoming the Bundesliga's oldest player.

● Carlos Alberto, the Santos and Brazilian captain, is almost certain to transfer to the Rio club, Fluminense, who offered him a signing-on fee of \$30,000.

● Yugoslav internationals Antic and Vujovic have opened a restaurant in Sarajevo. Both are fully-fledged doctors in philosophy.

● Aimore Moreira won't coach Brazil's Olympic team after all. He has just taken over Corinthians of Sao Paulo with the Brazilian Sports Confederation's blessing.

● Benfica are to be paid \$25,000 a match on their current tour which takes in Buenos Aires, Santos, Sao Paulo, Rio, Toronto, Vancouver, New York and Atlanta.

● Benfica have lost another stalwart. Germano has left them to become the coach of Second Division Salgueiros.

Old Trafford sold out

Manchester United had to knock back 10,000 applications for season tickets. A record 32,000 all-season tickets for matches at Old Trafford have been sold for the 1968-69 season. Leeds, Liverpool, Coventry, Southampton and Ipswich have also exhausted their quota of season tickets, which were all snapped up two months before the current English league season kicked off.

● Serena, the Real Madrid winger who scored the Spaniards' winning goal in the 1966 European Cup final against Partizan Belgrade, has been transferred to Elche, the club Di Stefano coached for a brief spell earlier this year.

SCOREBOARD

BULGARIA: Spartak Sofia v. Dounav 3-1; Slavia v. Lokomotiva Sofia 3-2; Levski v. Cernomore 4-1; Beroe v. Marek 5-1; Spartak v. Plevne Miners 2-0; Trakia v. Plovdiv 1-1; Botev Bourgas v. Dobroudja 2-2; Botev Vratza v. CSKA 1-2. **Table:** CSKA, Levski, Slavia 4; Trakia, Plovdiv 3.

HUNGARY: Ferencvaros v. Ujpest 1-1; Vasas v. Honved 2-2; Győr v. Pecs 3-1; Diosgyor v. MTK 3-1; Egyetertes v. Salgotarjan 2-2; Videoton v. Szombathely 3-0; Dunaujvaros v. Csepel 1-0. **Table:** Ujpest, Vasas 26; Ferencvaros 25; Honved 24; Csepel 21; Pecs 19.

NORWAY: Rosenborg v. Lyn Oslo 2-4; Stroemsgodset v. Viking 2-3; Vaarlerengen v. Sarpsborg 0-1; Frederikstad v. Frigg 1-1; Skeid v. Brann 2-0. **Table:** Lyn Oslo 18; Rosenborg 17; Skeid 15; Brann, Viking 12.

POLAND: Legia v. Polonia Bytom 1-0; Szombierki v. Row 2-0; Zaglebie v. Katowice 0-0; Odra v. Slask 3-1; Pogon v. Wisla 2-0; Ruch v. Gornik 0-3; Stal v. Walbrzych 2-1. **Table:** Szombierki, Legia, Stal 4; Pogon 3.

RUMANIA: Petrolul v. Steaua 0-1; AUTA Arad v. Crisul 5-0; Progressul v. Dinamo Baku 0-0; Dinamo Bucurest v. Rapid 4-0; Cluj v. Arad 2-1; Farul v. Murers 1-0; Arges v. Politehnica Iasi 4-0; Jiul v. Craiova 1-1. **Table:** Steaua 4 pts; Cluj, Farul, Craiova 3.

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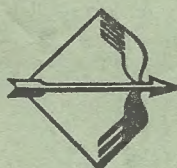
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LION'S ROAR IS NO LONGER A VIC. JOKE

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Lions have been "upstairs" (in the State League) for the past six years and until this season have been more or less regarded as a joke and the softest touch for a couple of easy points with the majority of the State League clubs.

But 1968 has killed this notion, and so much so that the Essendon side, without being brilliant, are now capable of making any good side look very ordinary.

The Lions have proved this by pushing themselves into a position on the State League ladder which all but ensures them of finishing up in the top six and thereby ensuring they will be one of the Victorian sides which will compete in the 1969 Australia Cup.

What an honor this will be for little Lions who all through their State League career have been more intent in preserving their State League status rather than worrying about such "trivialities" of making the Ampol Cup, winning their way into the "four" or dreaming about hoisting the

League flag at Montgomery Park, Essendon.

Lions' success has been achieved by a hard-working and almost unknown bunch of officials in Victorian soccer.

This lot have no real "big-wigs" in their officialdom.

They have searched mainly through the U.K. and found a bunch of players who are far from being the best paid in the game, but yet have shown undivided loyalty to the club and welded themselves together to make them one of the hardest present-day sides to beat in the State League.

Credit to soccer

The present Lions side is a credit to soccer. The players realise the limited support which follows the club

and never over the years have they tried to place the club on the spot by making demands which they know cannot be implemented.

At the same time the Lions players don't play for "peanuts." They are given a good whack out of the income the club receives through the turnstiles and even this on many occasions can't meet the players' mediocre commitments.

Social activities and officials dipping into their own pockets are only two of the ways which the Essendon side manages to keep their players happy.

But "what you haven't had — you never miss" is a good adage as far as the players and Lions are concerned and at no time during their State League career has the club ever tried to keep up with the "Jones".

The amenities at Montgomery Park leave a lot to be desired, and especially in regard to the playing surface, but at least it can be said the ground is virtually the sole possession of the club which is a damn sight more than can be said about most of the more fashionable clubs in the State League.

While the Lions' management must be complimented on the good job they have achieved in 1968 with so

little resources, some considerable credit for the team's performances in 1968 must go to coach Peter Aldis, the former Aston Villa defender who gained an FA Cup-Winners' medal with the Birmingham side in 1957.

Aldis, who is over 40, is stern and strict, but has a great understanding among his players, and even at his ripe old age turns out occasionally when the first team is in real strife.

Overall the Lions, whose only near claim to success since they joined the State League has been an appearance some years ago in the Ampol night soccer cup final, are not a side who have immeasurable talents.

But they are well balanced and only in their fullback positions do they show some weakness. This, however, is compensated for by the fact they have a star centre-half in 24-year-old Steve Walker and a brilliant inside-forward in 22-year-old Jimmy Rooney.

Of all the migrant communities in Australia, the Ukrainians, who sponsor Lions, are really in the minority. But this small group, plus the few outsiders they have attracted to their club, are playing a notable part in promoting the game of soccer in Victoria.

WITH THE AMATEURS

INTER-SUBURBAN SEMIS START THIS WEEKEND

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The amateur season came to a great climax last weekend when the First, Second and Third Division championships ended.

Here are the premiers:

- Division I: Artarmon.
- Division II: Riverside Rapid.
- Division III: Loftus Rovers.

And Campbelltown won the Fourth Division last week.

Artarmon had the difficult task of downing East Side-MTK, and this they managed by 2-1.

Wentworthville Waratah dropped a point behind them, when Thistle held them to a draw at Banks-town Soccer Centre.

This result was touch and go, and the match was very winning indeed.

Ray Horder scored for Wenty, and Thistle's score came from an own goal by their opponents.

Thistle's loss put them out of the "final four."

Replacing them is Concordia, who defeated South Sydney 4-3.

As expected, Arncliffe Scots forced Rapid all the way in their Second Division game at Cahill Park.

Rapid took the game and the premiership, giving them the vital one point margin over Guildford and Enmore, both of whom also held very favorable goal averages.

The Rapid-Arncliffe game was played in a difficult wind.

Rapid scored first, Wesely being particularly dangerous from the corner kicks.

Arncliffe was back in the game at one-all from a penalty kick, but full-back Nymetal scrambled the ball in for the winning goal in the 70th minute.

Main scorer Doller was injured early in the game.

Rapid expect to have Schwarz back after recovering from the flu for next week's semifinal.

Dee Why held Rovers to 1-1 at Loftus Park, with the game not being up to the standard that these clubs could normally supply.

Rovers can expect a tough match against All Stars in their Third Division semifinal, the other contestants being Condell Park and Dee Why.

RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION		
Thistle v. Wenty	1-1	0-2
Artarmon v. E. Side-MTK	2-1	8-0
Marrickville v. Belmore	5-0	4-0
Lidcombe v. Ryde	2-3	1-3
NSW Uni. v. Blacktown	0-1	6-1
Concordia v. S. Sydney	4-3	4-2

SECOND DIVISION		
Arncliffe v. Riverside	1-2	5-0
Sydney Uni. v. Gympie	2-2	1-0
Penrith v. Enmore	0-6	3-0
Guildford v. St. Marys	8-0	2-0
Auburn v. Kewpies	0-2	6-1
Warrigah v. Yagoona	4-2	6-1

THIRD DIVISION		
Cond. Pk. v. G'ville-H'by	2-1	3-3
Rovers v. Dee Why	1-1	1-3
F'field-Kiev v. Greenacre	4-2	1-1

THIS WEEKEND

SEMIFINALS	
Saturday, August 31	
First Division: Artarmon v. Marrickville — Macarthur Park.	
Wentworthville v. Concordia — Marks Field.	
Second Division: Rapid-Riverside v. Enmore — Artarmon Reserve.	
Third Division: Rovers v. All Stars — Rudd Park.	
Fourth Division: Campbelltown v. Newtown — Mackey Park.	
Sunday, September 1	
Second Division: Guildford v. Warrigah — Saints — Pottery Green.	
Third Division: Condell Park v. Dee Why — Guildford Park.	
Fourth Division: Liverpool v. Beverly Hills — Mackey Park.	
All matches start at 3 p.m. Reserve grade semis at 1 p.m.	

Junior State Finals

There is bound to be a large crowd at Graham's Reserve, Manly, on Sunday for the first day of the State Championship finals.

The order of matches is: 10.15 a.m. Under-14, 11.30 a.m. Under-10, 12.00 noon Under-12, 1 p.m. Under-16, 2 p.m. Under-8, 3 p.m. Under-18.

The remaining matches will be played at Memorial Park, Corimal, on Sunday week from 10.00 a.m.

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Quarter-finalists have been announced for both the State Amateur Cup and the under-21 Robertson Cup.

All matches are to be played on Sunday week, September 8.

Artarmon v. Bathurst City or Chelsea, Bellambi v. Marrickville, Revesby or Western Suburbs v. Dapto and Orange or Villawood v. Bowral Wanderers in the Amateur Cup.

In the Robertson Cup the draw is: Manly v. Tarrawanna, Cabra Athletic v. Ku-ring-gai, Berkeley v. Gladesville, Granville v. Sans Souci.

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Tasman Cup

The coveted Tasman Cup went to Newcastle Tech. High in a surprise win over Newcastle High at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, under floodlights last week.

Strathfield South caused another upset by downing Punchbowl 2-0, to take third place, in the early game.

A schoolboy match record crowd of 4,500 saw a great night's football.

The school and press support have been so great that a similar attendance is confidently predicted for next Tuesday night, when Newcastle plays South Australia in a further CHS match.

Newcastle High were unlucky when third-back Ron O'Hearn was injured and had to be placed up in the forwards.

B. Turner scored Tech's first goal from a corner by Fairleigh.

Turner scored again, and other goals were added by B. Kemp and W. Davis.

Bob Shand was High's best, but generally their forwards missed their chances.

South Strathfield scored through John Abercrombie and Barry Mullins to win their match against Punchbowl.

George Vlazny was called on for some spectacular saves for the winners, who were also well served by their keen centre-half Peter Harden, who didn't put a foot wrong all night long.

Another S.A. title to mighty Hellas

West Adelaide Hellas won their second league premiership in three years when they downed USC Lion 4-1 last Saturday.

Hellas clinched the title with a week to spare and are now chasing the elusive, Ampol Cup, premiership and Federation Cup, treble.

With one round remaining to complete the 1968 league season, Hellas are five points clear of Juventus, USC Lion and Polonia.

There can be no doubt that Hellas richly deserve their success.

They were truly as far ahead of their opposition as their current premiership points lead indicates.

If they win their final game against Beograd tomorrow (August 31), Hellas will have tasted defeat only twice during the league rounds.

Victoria and USC Lion were the teams to topple them, but Hellas avenged both defeats when the return fixtures were played.

Their 54 goals in 17 matches, tells the story of Hellas' attacking power.

And their well-drilled defence has enabled Hellas to be the most consistent as well as the most brilliant side in Adelaide this season.

Hellas began the year by wrestling the Ampol Cup from Juventus.

Their only disappointment thus far has been their Australia Cup loss to Perth Azzurri.

Interest this week will switch to the jostle for the remaining three places in the top four.

Juventus, Lion, Polonia and Croatia are the candidates fighting for a chance to contest the 1969 Australia Cup.

Juventus and Lion will be directly opposed and should there be an outright winner, they will finish in second position.

If they draw, however, and Polonia defeats Cumberland, Polonia would then be second.

Another possibility is that Lion, who have just been dislodged from second position after a 10 weeks' mortgage on that spot, could be bundled right out of the top four.

This situation could arise if Lion suffer a heavy loss to Juventus and Croatia pile on a big tally against Austria.

Croatia would then have a superior goal-average and they could squeeze into the final four. — Allan Crisp

AUST. RESULTS, TABLES

VICTORIAN RESULTS

George Cross 1 (McCallum) v. Wilhelmina 0; Lions 1 (Murney) v. Alexander 0; JUST 3 (Buljevic 2, Zoraja) v. Polonia 3 (Adamovic, Gadjia, Gadecki); Hellas 1 (Pyrgolios) v. Hakoah 1 (Cameron); Croatia 1 (McIntyre) v. Juventus 1 (Epifano); Melbourne-HSC 2 (Myers, Abonyi) v. Slavia 1 (Reid).

VICTORIAN TABLE

Croatia	13	3	4	36	17	29
Polonia	9	7	4	27	22	25
Hakoah	9	6	5	30	22	24
Hellas	8	7	5	33	26	23
Lions	8	6	6	20	21	22
George Cross	8	5	7	35	26	21
Wilhelmina	6	6	8	23	23	18
Juventus	5	8	7	26	36	18
Melbourne	5	6	9	23	33	16
Slavia	5	5	10	27	30	15
Alexander	5	5	10	27	41	15
JUST	5	4	11	28	38	14

PROGRAM MELBOURNE

Saturday: Wilhelmina v. Polonia at Ringwood, JUST v. Lions at Footscray, Slavia v. Hakoah at Olympic Park.

Sunday: Juventus v. George Cross at St. Kilda, Alexander v. Melbourne-HSC at Olympic Park, SM Hellas v. Croatia at Middle Park.

S A TABLE

Hellas	13	2	2	54	17	28
Juventus	10	3	4	36	15	23
Lion	10	3	4	30	14	23
Polonia	9	5	3	27	17	23
Croatia	9	3	5	27	16	21
Beograd	7	4	6	27	24	18
Victoria	6	4	7	21	23	16
Austria	3	3	11	17	37	9
Elizbeth	2	1	14	13	47	5
Cumberland	1	2	14	14	54	4

S.A. PROGRAM

WA Hellas v. Beograd — Hindmarsh Stadium, Polonia v. Cumberland — Croydon Park, Victoria v. Elizabeth City — Rushworth Reserve, Croatia v. Austria — Hanson Reserve, Juventus v. USC Lion — Olympic Sports Field.

INTERSTATE SCORES

Second Division: Birkalla v. Azzurri 1-1, Don v. Campbelltown 0-4, Malta v. Parra Hills 1-0, Budapest v. Sturt 4-2, Port Adelaide v. Windsor 1-3.

North: Spartans v. Devonport 6-1, Ulverstone v. Rovers 0-0.

South: Rapid v. Juventus 1-1, Olympia v. Eagles 2-1.

QUEENSLAND Ampol Cup Final: Hollandia v. Azzurri 1-1.

NEWCASTLE Toronto v. Weston 2-0, New Lambton v. Belmont-Swansea 4-2, Lake Macquarie v. Hamilton-Azzurri 1-0, Newcastle Austral v. West Wallsend 1-0, Wallsend v. Adamstown 0-0.

A.C.T. Preliminary Final: Croatia v. Deakin 3-1. This weekend's Grand Final — Juventus v. Croatia.

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W.A. third at Merdeka

Western Australia gained a magnificent third place in the Merdeka Tournament.

With an ounce of luck the Aussie giant-killers could have reached the final of Asia's major soccer tournament outside the Asian Games.

Western Australia were beaten 3-4 in the semifinals by the host nation, Malaysia, last Thursday in front of a near-capacity crowd of 32,000 spectators at Kuala Lumpur's Merdeka Stadium.

Down 0-2 at halftime, they stormed back to equalise at 2-2 early in the second half before conceding another two quick goals.

Trailing 2-4 with 18 minutes left, the Western Australians threw everything into attack, notched a goal but ran out of time to bring up the equaliser their non-stop attacks in the last 15 minutes deserved.

Last Saturday WA confirmed their preliminary group win over Indonesia (5-4) by beating the fancied Indonesians 3-1 to finish third in a field of 12. Indonesia had lost 1-2 in the semis to Burma, the 1966 Asian Games gold medalists.

Malaysia won the final, beating Burma 3-0.

Competition Tables

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	17	—	4	58	19	34
APIA	13	3	5	52	29	29
SCU	13	2	6	53	25	28
Croatia	12	4	5	41	30	28
St. George	13	1	7	52	30	27
Hakoah	12	2	7	38	23	26
Pan Hellenic	10	1	10	40	36	21
Melita Eagles	9	—	12	45	53	18
Polonia	5	4	12	37	54	14
Manly	5	2	14	37	52	12
Canterbury	5	2	14	28	73	12
Yugal	1	1	19	11	65	3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	16	2	3	47	19	34
St. George	14	4	3	42	22	32
Croatia	13	4	4	44	19	30
SCU	10	4	7	43	28	24
Pan Hellenic	8	6	7	24	19	22
Hakoah	10	2	9	37	34	22
Canterbury	9	4	8	30	33	22
Yugal	5	8	8	30	40	18
APIA	6	3	12	28	41	15
Melita	6	3	12	34	50	15
Manly	5	3	13	31	46	13
Polonia	2	1	18	21	61	5

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Auburn	15	4	2	54	17	34
Western Subs.	16	1	4	61	26	33
Bankstown	16	1	4	55	24	33
Sutherland	12	3	6	47	28	27
Marconi	10	5	6	36	24	25
Balgownie	9	5	7	36	24	23
Granville	9	3	9	45	50	21
NS-Inter	6	5	10	26	58	17
N. Bankstown	6	2	13	43	55	14
Corinthians	4	2	15	17	50	10
Hornsby-NE	2	4	15	32	54	8
Lane Cove	3	1	17	20	57	7

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	17	2	2	69	15	36
Balgownie	14	3	4	58	21	31
Sutherland	14	2	5	60	29	30
Bankstown	12	3	6	67	29	27
Auburn	10	5	6	57	30	25
Marconi	10	4	7	34	39	24
Granville	9	3	9	54	47	21
Hornsby-NE	9	1	11	36	46	19
N. Bankstown	4	5	12	31	47	13
Lane Cove	5	2	14	21	72	12
NS-Inter	3	2	16	28	95	8
Corinthians	2	2	17	17	73	6

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	17	3	1	92	17	37
Bankstown	18	—	3	88	16	36
Sutherland	14	4	3	95	26	32
Granville	13	4	4	65	35	30
N. Bankstown	13	2	6	55	27	28
Balgownie	9	4	8	34	33	22
Auburn	9	2	10	55	47	20
Hornsby-NE	6	2	13	29	49	14
Marconi	5	2	14	16	54	12
Lane Cove	4	3	14	26	75	11
Corinthians	2	3	16	19	139	7
NS-Inter	1	1	19	20	76	3

INTER-SUBURBAN

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Artarmon	11	10	1	64	23	32
Wentley	14	3	5	59	29	31
Marrickville	11	8	3	57	25	30
Concordia	12	6	4	60	31	30
Thistle	12	5	5	57	27	29
South Sydney	11	6	5	58	25	28
East Side-MTK	10	3	9	57	40	23
Belmore	4	9	9	35	50	17
Blacktown	6	1	15	30	82	13
Lidcombe	5	2	15	29	71	12
NSW Uni.	4	3	15	29	63	11
Ryde	3	2	17	21	70	8

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rapid R'side	18	—	4	76	33	36
Guildford	17	1	4	82	20	35
Enmore	16	3	3	89	24	35
Warringah	13	4	5	60	31	30
Yagoona	9	5	8	43	39	23
Auburn	10	1	11	41	46	21
St. Marys	9	2	11	47	67	20
Arncliffe Scots	8	3	11	33	39	19
Kewpies	7	2	13	37	43	16
Sydney Uni.	4	5	13	33	59	13
Penrith	4	5	13	42	73	13
Gymea	1	1	20	22	131	3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rovers	12	2	2	68	17	26
Condell Park	12	1	3	53	20	25
All Stars	9	3	4	40	28	21
Dee Why	6	5	5	37	33	17
G'ville-H'by	6	4	6	32	25	16
Revesby	8	—	8	45	39	16
West Ryde	5	3	8	37	40	13
F'field-Kiev	2	3	11	27	72	7
Greenacre	1	1	14	26	90	3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Campbelltown	13	1	2	61	20	27
Liverpool	13	1	2	50	26	27
Newtown	10	1	5	37	26	21
Beverly Hills	8	4	4	41	30	20
Padstow Park	5	4	7	43	49	14
Maroubra	5	3	8	36	42	13
Ku-ring-gai	4	—	12	35	58	8
Chelsea	2	4	10	28	51	8
Central Utd.	1	4	11	26	55	6

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA v. Manly	6-3	3-4				
Hakoah v. Yugal	2-1	6-1				
Canterbury v. St. George	0-6	0-4				
Croatia v. Melita	4-2	2-0				
Prague v. Pan Hellenic	1-2	1-0				
SCU v. Polonia	2-0	5-1				

	W	D	L	F	A	P
G'nville v. Corins	3-1	7-0	7-1			
S'land v. B'town	2-3	3-1	2-1			
West v. B'gownie	2-1	2-3	1-1			
Marconi v. NS-Inter	1-1	0-2	3-0			
N.B'town v. H'by	1-2	3-0	4-0			
Auburn v. L. Cove	5-0	2-0	3-0			

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION GRANVILLE THE LAST HURDLE FOR AUBURN

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

In a thrilling photofinish, both the top and the bottom of the Second Division table will be decided in the last round this weekend.

Auburn held on to their slender lead with a devastating win over Lane Cove, which now have the doom of relegation staring them straight in the face.

Both Western Suburbs and Bankstown won narrowly and are poised to take over from Auburn should the leader fumble on Sunday.

Last weekend's details:

Sutherland v. Bankstown 2-3

Two "own" goals by the Sutherland defenders kept Bankstown's slim promotion hopes alive.

It was a hard-fought battle from the beginning and Bankstown, who were never in front throughout the game, only made it with one minute to spare.

Good performances were given by Shrubsole and Davidson for Sutherland, and Attwood for Bankstown.

Sutherland: Root; Pater-son, Shuttlewood (o.g.); Shrubsole, O'Reilly (o.g.); Turner; Davidson (1), Cucitti (1), Martin, Grif-

fiths, Roche (Corfield).

Bankstown: Wilkes; Fitzgerald, Sheldrick; Attwood, Hinksman, Brack; Madden, White, Bamforth, J. Jamieson, Clarke (1).

Auburn v. Lane Cove 5-0

Auburn methodically forced Lane Cove into a string of errors to lead comfortably 3-0 at the break.

Young centre-forward Adam Moffatt was easily the most dangerous forward on the field and capped a grand performance with a well deserved hat-trick.

Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggett, Entwistle, Thompson, Keen; Alan, Nowacki, Moffatt (3), MacKnight (1), O'Neill.

Lane Cove: Lee, Bertinetti, Gamble; Coutts, I. Mitchell (o.g.), D. Mitchell, Rummy, Nadj, Foster, Cooper, Reid.

Marconi v. NS-Inter 1-1

Marconi took the lead midway in the first half but Inter's inside-right, Gerb-

ino, equalised just before half time when his hard drive was deflected into the net by a Marconi defender.

This hard-fought match was marred by an ugly incident when a spectator rushed on the field and knocked out Norths' centre-half Abbattista.

NS-Inter: Markulin; Monno, Allegra; McMahon, Abbattista, Morton; Spresian, Gerbino (1), F. Caridad, J. Caridad, Poletto.

Granville v. Corinthians 3-1

Corinthians' forward line never threatened and were always cut off by Granville's half-back trio.

Granville took the lead midway in the first half and with better shooting could have scored a much bigger win.

Granville: Wilberbaght; Falzon, Staunton; Burtenshaw, Lorenzutta (o.g.), Dean; Dalganes, Tamand (2), Oberman, J. Williams (H. Williams), Crelly.

Western Suburbs v. Balgownie 2-1

In a game played in swirling wind on a dry ground, Western Suburbs took advantage of the conditions to lead 2-0 at the interval with goals by Harrison and Pont.

Balgownie hit back soon after the resumption with a good goal by Waterman, but Wests held on to their slender lead and held a slight edge throughout.

Western Suburbs: Murtun; Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk, Di Santi; Payne, Harrison (1), Cassidy, Pont (1), Smit.

North Bankstown v. Hornsby-NE 1-2

After trailing at the interval, Hornsby-NE, assisted by a strong wind, recorded their second win of the season.

North Bankstown had the first help of the wind but missed too many chances.

Hornsby played the better football, and despite missed chances, deserved their precious win.

Hornsby-NE: Legg; Barber, Hogan; Gray, Willing, D. Barber; Brown, Shields, Gaskill (1), Dickinson (1), Inglefield (Hughes).

THIS WEEKEND

The local "derby" between Auburn and Granville will determine promotion this weekend.

On present form Auburn should win comfortably, but Granville are always hard to beat at Macarthur Park and will not give in without a struggle.

The other match which should attract above average interest is the Sutherland v. Balgownie game which the former must win to make sure of a semifinal place.

In other matches, Bankstown should beat Corinthians and Wests should win narrowly against NS-Inter.

Sydney second, third grades

SECOND GRADE

APIA 6: McQuire; Callaghan, W. Burnett; P. Parkin, E. Parkin, Muir; Pedulla (1), Sileoni, Keddie (3), J. Burnett (2), McKenzie.

Manly 3: Dart; Bartlett, Langelaar; Coventry, Hutchison, Watkins; Dobbin, Riding, Parker (1), Waller (2), R. Jones.

Referee: E. Truppe.
Hakoah 2: Wilson; Edwards, Sutherland; Migliaccio (1), Brown, Walsh; Berger, Reichard (1), Keddie, Harivel, Holleman.

Yugal 1: Petrou; Cirjanic, Anasis; Marinkovich, G. Clancy, Kresinger; Bert (1), Juresic, Glenday, Milakovich, Apostolovski.

Referee: P. McFarland.

South Coast 2: Astill; Kerr, Ringland; Shepherd, Grant, Sutherland; Tolhurst, Beard, Newman, Freeman (1) (Griffith), Paterson (1).

Polonia 0: Dreniak; Henretty, Bazak; Tansley, Fryer; Urbaniak; Brady, Hanley, McAllister, Prokurat, Chodkiewicz.

Referee: C. King.

Croatia 4: Easter; Clark, Brian; Stuart, Bonazza, Longmuir (1); J. Yaager (1), Williams, Sambrook, Frakes (2), F. Cush.

Melita Eagles 2: O'Keefe; Williams, R. Arrighi; Watts, Robinson, Miranda; A. Arrighi (1), Black (Wingfield), McDonald, McDougall, Kovacs (1).

Prague 1: Earl; Loveday, Parkhouse; Hill, Moulson, Miner; Lissing, Janek (1), Lowry, Stevenson, Reilly.

Pan Hellenic 2: Maglis; Walker, Nicolopoulos; Sparsis, Mallard, Omeros (1); Demos, Smith, Vrolyks (1), Petrou, Logan.

Referee: P. Nikolas.

THIRD GRADE

Hakoah 6: Dunn; McIlveen, Siddons; Harrison, Smith, Reichard (1); Taylor, Ams (1), Szegedi (3), Kovacic, Carr (1).

Yugal 1: Viskovich; O'Loughlin, Kelly; Abercrombie, Hardin, Kipic; Kolmanis (1), Glenday, Bert, Wiley, J. Lissing.

Referee: N. Micos.
South Coast 5: Radburn; Bott, Newson; Johnson, Whitfield, C. Vangelovitch; Crampe (Griffith), McLeod, Tuckerman (3), Conlin (1), T. Vangelovitch (1).

Polonia 1: Gruchot; Blaszcak, Davies; Tansley, Henretty (1), Welling; Rule, Catchpole, Walsh, Chodkiewicz, Irwin.

Croatia 2: Mumford; Carr, Vlatko; Slater, Thompson, Ross; Zanetti (1), Costello, Sanders (1), Foster, Dalferno.

Melita Eagles 0: Stern; Pondikos, Miranda; Mapledoran, Borg, Pastor; Fabri, Brennan, Galea, Wingfield, Stafford.

Prague 1: Bracklow; Flynn, Spinks; Clarke, Zenari, Petty; Steffe, Hromek, Anasis, Franklin (1), Perry.

Pan Hellenic 0: McClure; Langdon, Adams; Haggett, Dredge, Campbell; Coelho, Byles, Tiliacos, Howard, Huntley.

Referee: M. Hollott.

APIA 3: Hudson; B. Staples, Lee; Steel, Russell, Clochiatta; Lamotta (1), T. Butler (1), Fedele (1), McNamara, MacKenzie.

Manly 4: Ryall; Highley, Heazlett; Doe (1), Wilson, Burns; Jack (1), Slade (1), Jansma (1), Russell, Grant.

Referee: F. Denham.

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